

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ERIC D. FANT, JR.,

Defendant.

8:24-CR-186

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF
FORFEITURE**

This matter is before the Court upon the United States of America's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture. Filing 30. The Court has reviewed the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. On April 8, 2025, the Court held a change of plea hearing for Defendant and Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count I and agreed to the Forfeiture Allegation in the Indictment and the Bill of Particulars. Filing 23; Filing 29.

2. Count I of the Indictment charged the Defendant with violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(6) and 924(a)(2).

3. By virtue of said plea of guilty, the Defendant has forfeited his interest in the firearms, ammunition, and accessories. Accordingly, the United States should be entitled to possession of said firearms, ammunition, and accessories pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

4. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, Filing 30, is granted.
2. Based upon the plea of guilty, the Government is hereby authorized to seize firearms, ammunition, and accessories listed in the Indictment and Bill of Particulars.
3. Defendant's interest in the firearms, ammunition, and accessories is hereby forfeited to the Government for disposition in accordance with the law.
4. The firearms, ammunition, and accessories are to be held by the Government in its secure custody and control.
5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the Government shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official internet government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of publication evidencing the Government's intent to dispose of the subject property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject property must file a Petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
6. The published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's interest in the firearms, ammunition, and accessories, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the

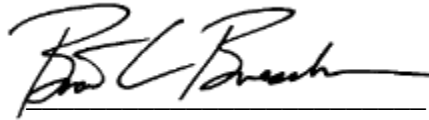
nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title, or interest in the firearms, ammunition, and accessories and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

7. The Government may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an interest in the firearms, ammunition, and accessories as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. C. Buescher", written over a horizontal line.

Brian C. Buescher
United States District Judge